

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
DENTISTRY  
RULE 150-13-.02 DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to Georgia Board of Dentistry Rule 150-13-.02 DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Dentistry's web page at <http://gbd.georgia.gov>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM on May 6, 2022 via conference call at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to April 29, 2022. Written comments should be addressed to Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Dentistry at 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. You may email your comments to [elacefield@dch.ga.gov](mailto:elacefield@dch.ga.gov).

The proposed rule amendments will be considered by the Georgia State Board of Dentistry during its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:05 AM on May 6, 2022 via conference call at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-21.1 and 43-11-23.

At its meeting on January 7, 2022, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7 and 43-11-9.

At its meeting on January 7, 2022, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-11-7 and 43-11-9 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of dentistry.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



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Georgia Board of Dentistry

Posted: April 5, 2022

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
RULE 150-13-.02 DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS.**

Purpose of rule: The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23 on phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures training requirements for dental hygienists and dental assistants and the prohibition on delegation of drug administration.

Main Features: The main features of this amendment incorporates O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23 by adding (1) training requirements for dental hygienists and assistants must comply with O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23, and (2) dentists are prohibited from delegating drug administration through phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures to dental hygienists and dental assistants.

**DIFFERENCES OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
RULE 150-13-.02 DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS.**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**150-13-.02     Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits**

- (1) The educational requirements for a permit to use deep sedation/general anesthesia in Georgia shall be equal to those set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-21.1.
- (2) The following guidelines shall apply to the administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia in the dental office or a site approved by the Board:
  - (a) When administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia is provided by another qualified dentist holding a current (Georgia) deep sedation/general anesthesia permit or by a physician anesthesiologist, the operating dentist and the staff must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board-approved sponsor with an update not to exceed two years per board Rules 150-3-.08, 150-3-.09, 150-5-.04, and 150-5-.05.
  - (b) When a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) is permitted to function under the direction and responsibility of a dentist, administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia by a CRNA shall require the operating dentist to have completed training in deep sedation/general anesthesia, commensurate with these guidelines.
  - (c) A dentist administering deep sedation/general anesthesia must document current successful completion of an advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) course (or an appropriate equivalent).
  - (d) All staff must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board-approved sponsor with an update not to exceed two years per board Rules 150-3-.08, 150-3-.09, 150-5-.04, and 150-5-.05.
  - (e) Any dental hygienist or dental assistant, expanded or general, performing phlebotomy or venipuncture procedures must be in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23.

(f) A licensed dentist shall not delegate to a dental assistant or a dental hygienist the administration of any medication or drugs given to a patient through phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures.

- (3) In all areas in which this level of anesthesia is being conducted, the dentist shall maintain a properly equipped facility for the administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia, staffed with appropriately trained and supervised personnel. The facility must have equipment capable of delivering positive pressure oxygen ventilation, a pulse oximeter, suction equipment that allows aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavity, an operating table or chair that allows for the patient to be positioned to maintain an airway, a firm platform for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, a fail-safe inhalation system if nitrous oxide/oxygen is used, equipment to continuously monitor blood pressure and heart rate and rhythm, EKG monitor, appropriate emergency drugs per ACLS protocol including reversal agents for narcotics and/or benzodiazepines depending on which is actually utilized, a manual or automatic external defibrillator, and a recovery area with available oxygen and suction. The facility shall have continual monitoring of end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> (expired carbon dioxide) unless invalidated by the nature of the patient, procedure or equipment. "Continual" shall mean "repeated regularly and frequently in steady rapid succession." All of the aforementioned equipment and supplies must be stationary and not subject to transfer from one facility to another. The applicant must submit verification that the facility meets the above requirements and shall be subject to an on-site inspection.
- (a) The dentist must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic and advanced levels and all immediate support personnel who provide direct hands-on patient care must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board approved provider with an update not to exceed two years. While any deep sedation/general anesthesia procedure is underway, a minimum of two immediate support personnel certified in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation must be present.
- (4) The Georgia Board of Dentistry shall be given a written thirty (30) day advance notification of the relocation of a facility, the addition of a facility or significant changes in the facility. Changes in the method of administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia should also be brought to the attention of the Board. The permit holder shall be subject to an on-site inspection.
- (5) The dentist must take four (4) hours of continuing education every two (2) years in pharmacology, anesthesia, emergency medicine or sedation as part of the forty (40) hour requirement for license renewal to maintain certification for the deep sedation/general anesthesia permit. Certification of this continuing education must be submitted at renewal.
- (6) Permit fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board.
- (7) Renewal fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board.
- (8) Late renewal fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-1, 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-21, 43-11-21.1, 43-11-23, 43-11-44.